

**OGC REVIEW COMPLETED**

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

I talked this case over with Gates, and he felt there might be a middle ground here in that we could tell GAO that the man was indebted to the Government in the amount involved but not request any collection action. They could, therefore, hold it as a possible offset. It is my general recollection that they probably would not file suit in such a case anyway. If you think this move is feasible, could we sound it out with one of our cleared friends in the Comptroller General's Office, and if we have what looks like a reasonable solution check back with  and see if additional protection to the Government by this means would be objectionable from a security standpoint.

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